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IN THE MATTER OF THE ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2014 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.

DOCKET NO. E-01345A-13-0140

STAFF'S REQUEST FOR PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

ORIGINAL

Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge convene a procedural conference in this Docket to address the Motions to Dismiss filed by the Alliance for Solar Choice ("TASC") and the Arizona Solar Industry Association ("AriSEIA") and other procedural matters related to the processing of this Docket.

On July 28, 2014, Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") filed a Supplemental Application in which it proposed AZ Sun DG: a 20 MW utility-owned residential DG program to help APS meet its 2014 renewable energy requirement established by Decision No. 71448. Under its proposal, APS would install the DG on customer rooftops on the utility side of the meter and "rent" those rooftops in exchange for a \$30 per month bill credit. APS requested expedited consideration of its Application because "[t]he window of time during which the 20 MW of AZ Sun DG could be installed and help APS achieve compliance with its end-of-2015 renewable energy target is rapidly closing." APS noted that the schedule including issuance of an RFP, customer solicitation and construction would be approximately 15 months. Accordingly, APS requests an Order authorizing AZ Sun DG by September 2014.

On August 15, 2014, TASC and AriSEIA each filed a Motion to Dismiss APS's Supplemental Application (Utility-owned DG). Those Motions to Dismiss are currently pending before the Commission. APS has not yet responded to either Motion.

Staff intends to continue to process and prepare a Staff Report that addresses the merits of the Application. Staff does not intend to address the issues raised in TASC's and AriSEIA's Motions in its Staff Report but believes that those issues are better addressed in a proceeding before the Hearing Division. Although Staff is not requesting an evidentiary hearing, Staff requests that the Hearing Division prepare a Recommended Opinion and Order(s) in this matter to address the motions to dismiss and the merits of the case. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests a procedural conference to discuss a process for addressing the Motions to Dismiss filed by TASC and AriSEIA and other procedural matters relating to the processing of this Docket. RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014. Maureen A. Scott, Senior Staff Counse Legal Division Arizona Corporation Commission

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